# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2756
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COMPLAINTS AGAINST ARMED FORCES
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) The number of complaints of oppression and high handedness, received against the conduct of armed forces in the North-Eastern States during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) The action taken on such complaints; and

(c) The steps taken to check the recurrence of such complaints in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table o the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2756 FOR ANSWER ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST ARMED FORCES.

(a) : The number complaints of oppression and high-handedness received by the Central Para Military Forces, Assam Rifles and the Army against the conduct of the security forces personnel during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (till 30th November, 2006) are as under:-

| Year | No. of complaints received |
|---|---|
| 2004 | 32 |
| 2005 | 20 |
| 2006 | 19 |

(up till 30th November, 06)

(b) : Cases in which abuse of power is established after proper inquiry, action against the guilty security forces personnel is taken in accordance with the laws/rules concerning the particular Force.

(c) : As for as Central Para Military Forces are concerned, an inbuilt institutional mechanism has been put in place for initiating disciplinary proceedings in such instances. The respective field officers have also been sensitized about the need for maintaining highest order of discipline and good behavior and also impose severe punitive actions with the aim of preventing reoccurrence of such offences. Supervisory officers closely monitor all operations and appropriate cognizance is taken of deviations, if any. In case of Army, detailed instructions in the form of `Do`s and `Don`ts` while observing Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and providing aid to civil authorities have been issued to Army wherein respectful treatment of elders, women and children is emphasized. In addition Chief of the Army Staff has also issued direction to the troops operating in counter insurgency operations wherein guidelines for the conduct of troops are laid down.